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## Montana State Parks Seeks Public Comment on Proposed 2016 Trial Grant Applications

-Comments accepted through Friday, May 20, 2016-

(Helena, MT) – Montana State Parks ([stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov)) is seeking public comment on 79 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications for the current grant cycle which closed March 11, 2016. Project applicants requested approximately \$2.6 million from Montana's Recreational Trails Program. Approximately \$1.4 million in funding will be available for projects. **Comments will be accepted through Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

Recreational Trails Program grant funds can provide assistance for trail projects, including development and rehabilitation work on urban, rural, and backcountry trails; planning and construction of community trails; snowmobile and cross-country ski trail maintenance and grooming operations; and, a variety of trail stewardship and safety education programs statewide.

A list of all trails grant applications for consideration is accessible online at [stateparks.mt.gov/recreation](http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation) and click on 'Recreational Trails Program'.

**Public Comments must be received by 5pm on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016** and may be submitted **online** at: [http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/rtp/pn\\_0002.html](http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/rtp/pn_0002.html)

Comments may also be submitted by **email** to: [FWPRecreationalTrails@mt.gov](mailto:FWPRecreationalTrails@mt.gov) or by regular **mail** to: Montana State Parks, Trails Program, 1420 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. Copies of individual RTP applications are available by request at (406) 444-4585.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is federally funded and is administered and managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks with oversight from the Federal Highway Administration. RTP funding is made available through the recently passed Fixing America's Surface Transportation Bill called the Fast Act which is a five-year funding bill.

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